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## CONFERENCE REPORTS

### **HB 5517 (Shulman)**

General Government budget

- The Senate adopted the conference report to HB 5517 [RC 633: 26 yes, 9 no].

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

### **SB 1244 (Cropsey)**

SB 1244 would allow a court, upon petition by an interested person, to appoint a personal representative to supervise the disposition of the body of a decedent who had insufficient assets to pay for a funeral or burial and who died without a will and without heirs. The bill would address a confusing situation in which no one has clear authority to dispose of the remains of a person who died without a will, heirs, or sufficient assets to pay for a funeral or burial. By authorizing the probate judges to appoint a personal representative to oversee the disposition of the remains, the bill would provide a solution to this predicament.

- The Senate agreed to the House changes to SB 1244 [RC 634: 35 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

### **SB 1252 (SWITALSKI)**

SB 1252 would authorize the Supreme Court to increase the payment due to circuit court reporters or recorders for transcripts ordered and timely filed for appeals of certain civil cases. The Supreme Court could authorize the payment to circuit court reporters or recorders of \$3 per original page (up from \$1.75) and 50 cents for each copy (up from 30 cents) for transcripts.

- The Senate agreed to the House changes to SB 1252 [RC 635: 36 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

### **HB 5801 (Shackleton)**

HB 5801 would state that failure to pay the toll to cross the Mackinac Bridge would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days' imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$500, or both.

- The Senate agreed to the House changes to HB 5801 [RC 636: 36 yes, 0 no].

## FINAL PASSAGE

### SB 1143 (LELAND)

SB 1143 would increase fees for vital record searches. Vital records include birth, death, marriage, divorce and acknowledgement of paternity records. Fees are charged for records, for searches to find records, and for the creation of new vital records after an adoption or an acknowledgement of paternity.

- SB 1143 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

### SB 1164 (EMERSON)

Currently, nursing facilities must hold a bed open, if a patient is absent and expected to return, for 10 days for emergency medical treatment and 18 days for therapeutic medical treatment. Currently, the state must continue to pay the daily rate during the absence. SB 1164 would allow the payment provision only in the case that the facility has 100% occupancy (excluding beds being held open for this purpose.)

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- Cropsey 1A ( 2maneds) was adopted.
- SB 1164 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

### SB 1293 (Cropsey)

### SB 1317 (Kuipers)

Senate Bill 1293 would declare that February 6 of each year be known as "Ronald Wilson Reagan Day" to commemorate "the significant role President Ronald Reagan played in the history of this nation".

- SB 1293 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

Senate Bill 1317 would create the "Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Monument Fund Commission Act" to create a commission to oversee the financing, design, site location, and construction of a memorial monument dedicated to former President Reagan; solicit designs for the monument; and select its final design.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- BASHAM 1A (10 amends) was defeated. This would have allowed the state to honor all past presidents, not just Reagan.
- SB 1317 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

### HB 5113 (Kooiman)

### HB 5114 (SAK)

Under current law, a county with a population over 600,000 must have between 25 and 35 county commissioners, yet the Kent County commission contends that it should not be forced expand beyond its current 19 members. The county is in the best position to determine how many commissioners are needed. Requiring a county to have a larger board of commissioners than it considers necessary is inefficient and wasteful.

House Bill 5113 would make a similar change for charter counties, and would require that those counties with more than 600,000 residents have not more than 35 commissioners. Both bills would promote local control and flexibility.

- Hardiman 1 (1 amend) was adopted.
- HB 5113 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

House Bill 5114 would permit Kent County (or any other non-charter county with a population of 600,001 to 1 million residents) to operate with 35 or fewer commissioners. The bill would not affect those counties with populations over 1 million, which would still be required to have between 25 and 35 commissioners.

- BASHAM 1 (1 amend) was defeated. This would have prevented Kent county from reducing the number of its commissioners.
- Hardiman 2 (1 amend) was adopted.
- HB 5114 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

### **HB 5118 (KOLB)**

HB 5118 require the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission (proposed by Senate Bill 753) to study the environmental threats of lead poisoning to children's health; review the State's lead poisoning prevention program; evaluate the effectiveness of the program, including its ability to satisfy Federal law requirements that 100% of all young children enrolled in Medicaid be screened with a blood lead test; and make recommendations for the program's improvement.

- Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted.
- HB 5118 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

### **HB 5802 (DeRossett)**

HB 5802 would bring Michigan into compliance with the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act; enhance record-sharing between various State departments, other states, and the court system; and help ensure that only qualified, safe drivers operate vehicles on the nation's roads. The State faces the loss of millions of dollars in Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program funds and Federal aid highway funds if the safety provisions of the Federal law are not incorporated into State statute.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- Gilbert 1A (8 amends) was adopted.
- Gilbert 2A (2 amends) was adopted.
- HB 5802 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.